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NEW ORLEANS AP — The jury in Clay Shaw's conspiracy trial went to the French Quarter today to watch a prosecution witness try to pinpoint an apartment where he said he heard Clay Shaw and others discuss at a 1963 party how the President could be killed.

The trip to the French Quarter was made at the request of the defense, which held Charles I. Spiesel, 50, a New York City accountant, under cross-examination during much of the morning.

Spiesel testified again today about his \$16 million damage suit against a psychiatrist and the City of New York, in which he claimed he was frequently hypnotized against his will and held under hypnotic illusion.

He said Friday that in June 1963 he met David W. Ferrie in a French Quarter bar and was taken to a party where Ferrie introduced the host as Shaw. The conversation at the party turned to President John F. Kennedy, Spiesel said, with many of the men present saying the President ought to be killed.

At one point, he said, Shaw asked Ferrie—a former airline pilot—if an assassin could be rescued from dire consequences by being flown out of the country.

Ferrie hemmed and hawed and said, "yes," Spiesel said.

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's charge against Shaw said he conspired with Lee Harvey Oswald, Ferrie and others to kill Kennedy. Ferrie and Oswald are dead.

Spiesel was one of a series of prosecution witnesses called in an attack on the defense contention that Shaw never laid eyes on Oswald or Ferrie.

Defense Atty. F. Irvin Dymond questioned him about a \$16 million damage suit in which he claimed he was hypnotized, tortured mentally and forced to give up his practice as a tax accountant by New York City police.

Q. How many other people have hypnotized you?

A. Oh, it would be hard to say—

At this point, Alcock objected that the line of question was immaterial and redundant but Dymond was sustained by the judge and pursued his query.

a. Oh, possibly 50 or 60.

Q. All of these without consent?

A. Without my consent.

Q. Ever happen in New Orleans?

A. I believe I have been followed down here by people from the detective agencies.

Q. I asked if you had been hypnotized in New Orleans?

A. The point is, if I say yes, you're going to want to know who they are.

Q. If I promise not to ask who they are, will you say yes or no?

A. Yes, they have.

As Spiesel was questioned about his hypnotic encounters with hypnosis, Perry Raymond Russo was waiting outside the courtroom as the next state witness scheduled.

Russo, 26, is a key witness in Garrison's case. He told a preliminary hearing that, with his memory refreshed by a hypnotist, he remembered hearing Shaw, Ferrie and Oswald conspire to kill Kennedy.

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Then in 50 minutes of cross examination in the Shaw conspiracy trial Friday, defense lawyer F. Irvin Dymond established that Spiesel:

- Filed suit claiming New York polict hypnotized him, tortured him mentally, forced him to give up his practice as a accountant.

- Sued a psychiatrist and the City of New York claiming \$16 million damages on the ground that he had been hypnotized in order to extract confidential information from him.

"Isn't it a fact that you just recently were subjected to a Communist conspiracy, people following you, your telephone tapped?" asked Dymond.

"Well," said Spiesel hesitantly, "not recently."

Those complicatitns happened in 1962, '63 and '64 when he was held under hypnosis "from time to time," he said.

Shaw is accused of conspiring with Lee Harvey Oswald and others to assassinate President Kennedy.

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Ferrie, who died at his New Orleans apartment in 1967, also was named a co-conspirator by Dist Atty. Jim Garrison. Oswald is dead, too-slain by Jack Ruby in Dallas police headquarters two days after the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination in Dallas.

The Warren Commission named Oswald as the assassin and said he worked alone, with no credible evidence of a conspiracy.

The defense contends that Shaw, 55, a retired New Orleans businessman, never saw either Ferrir or Oswald.

The prosecution has concentrated on producing witnesses who testified they saw Shaw with one or both of them.

Vernon Bundy, Jr., 30, a former narcotics addict, preceded Spiesel to the stand. He testified he saw Shaw meet Oswald in the summer of 1963, confer with him and give him money at the Lake Pontchartrain seawall.

Bundy said he had gone there to prepare his hypodermii needle, inject two capsules of heroin and "goof off." He said he remembered both men, and later identified them from photographs, because he feared they might be policemen and watched them closely as they stood nearby.

Bundy then asked if he could stage a little demonstration to illustrate how he came to be convinced that Shaw was the man he saw at the seawall. "It ain't fixed," he said.

"Sure, go ahead," said Dymond.

Bundy left the witness chair and had Shaw walk the middle aisle of the crowded courtroom to the front entrance. Bundy then sat down in a chair at the defense table.

"Now, here I am on the seawall," he said. "I've got the sack with my outsit needle between my knees. Now, will the gentleman walk toward me?"

Shaw, looking puzzled and irritated, walked past Bundy's chair. Theq 6-foot 4 defendant has a slight limp-the result, he said, of a back injury received in World War II.

"Everybody see this, now," said Bundy, pointing at Shaw's feet. "This is the foot that he kicks it out when he walks," said Bundy. Before Bundy left the stand, Dymond asked:

"You were not completely positive the man you saw was Shaw until you saw the foot. Is that right?"

"I wasn't completely sure," Bundy replied.